SFY2013-2014

### CMAQ Eligibility Process

## First things first

### Read the Guidance Document

- Review the special project forms
- Ask questions and familiarize yourself with all requirement
- Questions? Contact
  - □ Larry Heil, FHWA, (317) 226-7480, larry.heil@fhwa.dot.gov
  - □ Mike Cales, INDOT, (317) 232-5021, mcales@indot.in.gov

### Where do I find these???

- □ The FTP site houses the most current forms
- □ Confused? Call someone.
- □ MACOG houses the MPO Council FTP Site 574-287-1829
  - □ Jennifer Miller -jweizeorick@macog.com

## Eligibility Process Format

### Personal responsibility Model

- Developed to ensure a smooth coordinated process
- All listed submission dates must be met...by all parties
- Requires that all communication use the <u>SUBJECT LINE</u> protocols established in the guidance
- Each agency must provide update e-mail contact addresses to MACOG by September each year
  - Failure to do so will result in non-notification of calls
- Follow the required SUBJECT LINE protocols shown in guidelines
  - Designed to inform reviewers and submitters
  - Failure to properly label may result in missed reviews

## CMAQ Eligibility Call for Projects

- INDOT/FHWA/MPOs annually agree on CMAQ call dates
  - MACOG will send e-mail notification to CMAQ Review Committee
  - NDOT, FHWA, IDEM, FTA, and USEPA
- Typically the Call for CMAQ eligibility is issued 90 days in advance
  - Winter and Summer Project Calls are identified annually

## CMAQ Eligibility Call for Projects

- MPOs call for LPA projects 30- 60 days in advance of the due date
  - Provides the MPO/INDOT time to review submissions
  - Allows for air quality analysis development
  - Resolves issues before Committee Review
- Consider identifying more projects for eligibility than funds available

## Upfront Details

- The LPA/MPO/INDOT must have a procurement process in place to implement project or it is ineligible
  - If no procurement process the Committee will rule it ineligible
- In Kind Match
  - Must be detailed in advance of the review
  - Committee will consider as part of the review process
- Project Sponsors
  - Must be a Local Public Agency LPA an MPO or INDOT

## What Do I Submit – To my FTP folder?

### Complete Application

- Must be complete including a quantitative or qualitative analysis showing air quality improvement
- Must provide clear detail so that the Committee fully understand the proposal
- Must be fully signed by the MPO and the Highest Elected Official including all certifications
- Must be submitted on time Please do not ask for time extensions!
- A copy of the MPO/INDOT CMAQ Selection Process
  - In each MPO/INDOT file folder
- A complete list of projects funded in the TIP

### Process Milestones

### January 23, 2013 - All MPOs and INDOT projects due

- Must be uploaded directly to their file folder on the FTP site by 1/23/2013
- Trouble? Contact MACOG immediately do not wait!
- Notification e-mails sent that deadline for submission is closed
- February 6, 2013 CMAQ Committee comments due to MPOs/INDOT 2/06/2013
  - Reviews will focus on eligibility and cost effectiveness
  - Each Committee Member will forward their comments to everyone on the distribution list
  - If any Committee member requests an updated CMAQ application it must do so by e-mail to the MPO/INDOT
  - This requires that the MPO/INDOT post a new application by a date certain

### More 2013 Schedule Dates...

### February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - CMAQ Eligibility Call Week

- Each MPO will be given an estimated times for their conference call and is responsible for signing in for the call
- Each MPO/INDOT is responsible for taking accurate minutes of the conference call in detail. If no comments are made this will be highlighted by agency in the minutes
- Projects cannot be advanced without all agencies written concurrence
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Draft Minutes via e-mail
  - Each MPO/INDOT will have 5 days to respond to comments and provide accurate minutes

### More 2013 Schedule Dates...

### March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - All Corrections via e-mail

- All corrections to the minutes must be made and forwarded to all agencies
- March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Final Minutes Submitted
  - Final Minutes will be sent to all agencies with the correct subject line and to <u>macogdir@macog.com</u>
- INDOT Central Office Coordinator for each MPO/INDOT area
- Within 10 days FHWA Planning/Environmental Specialist notifies INDOT/MPO of their concurrence

# To Submit to FTP site:

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## 1. Application

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8.	Air Quality Analysis (check appropriate Box)						
	Quantitative: Yes No	Qualitative: Yes	No				
8A.	REDUCTION IN OZONE PRECURSORS	KILOGRAMS/DAY	CMAQ \$/KG REDUCED				
	VOC's:						
	CO:						
	NOx:						
8B.	REDUCATION IN PM2.5 PRECURSORS	KILOGRAMS/YEAR	CMAQ \$/KG REDUCED				
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9.	Is the project or program a mandated TCM?	Yes No					
10.	Is the project on the CAAA list of TCMs'?	Yes No					
11.	Is this project a "Public/Private Partnership"?	Yes No					

A complete description of the involvement/participation in the development of this project must accompany the completed CMAQ Request Form.

CMAQ Request Form Instructions (for applicant use).

Line 1; Name of LPA, MPO, or State as applicable.

Line 2; Specific sponsoring agency under the applicant listed in line 1 above.

Line 3; FFY('s) funds are anticipated to used.

Line 4; Anticipated year project is to be started.

Line 5; Select from drop down list, if other describe.

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### 1. + Supporting Forms



#### **Funding Participation Level Test Form**

ProjectOwner:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Physical Address:	
E-Mail	
Telephone	
CMAQ Project Description S	ummary:
Indicate Project Type: Engine	e Rebuild/Replace.
Emissions Con	trols & Idle Control
Does project involve a Public-	Private Partnership? Yes/No
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	ts usage, certify that we will comply with the requirements imposed by thi
	Level Test, the MPO's own rules regarding the CMAQ-funded assistance,
	Highway Administration on this project. Attached is a list of vehicles and
information required by the T	est.
Title and Signature - Date	

### **Fueling Station**

Federal Funding Participation Level Test Form

This form must be submitted with every CMAQ Eligibility Request

Project Owner;		Contact Person:			
Office Address	E-Mail	Cell Phone			
Proposal, including the type of alternative fuel to be used and any metering or charging station if applicable					
Attach a listing of all veh	icles using the a	alternative fuels, containing the followin	q:		

Current Vehicle Engine Fuel Year Make/Model VIN Mileage Miles/Yr Usage Туре Type

The following commitment must be signed by the owner or authorized representative:

as the Owner/Authorized Representative of the owner responsible for the vehicle fleet and its usage, certify that the alternative fuel shall be used for the vehicle miles per year as stated above, that alternative fuel vehicle(s) shall be maintained as a part of our vehicle fleet and that quarterly reports shall be submitted verifying such usage for at least a 5 year period. I further certify that these commitments shall be forwarded to any successor who may be placed in charge of the owner's vehicle fleet

Owner/Authorized Representative

Proposed Card Reading System(s) to be considered and its/their capabilities:

CMAQ Participation: 80%-100% may be used on the total cost of installation of a new fueling station, conversion of an existing fueling station, the card reading system,

#### Congestion Mitigation Air Quality -**Hybrid Vehicles** Federal Funding Participation Level Test

Note: The following vehicle types are exempt from the Federal Funding Participation Level Test as detailed below. All vehicle purchases must be submitted with an acceptable emission test showing air quality savings as required and must receive an eligibility letter prior to being included in the TIP. UPWP or other approval. No purchases may be made in advance of a "written notice specifically indicating that the "owner" has authorization to incur costs and proceed with procurement from the INDOT. MPO's may consider approval of project listed in the UPWP with a signed contract "notice to proceed".

Vehicles exempt from Alternative Vehicle Federal Funding Participation Level Test

Public Transit Buses - Are eligible for replacement or expansion for new diesel or other alternative fuels vehicles meeting the requirements of the clean air act. Public Transit Buses or paratransit vehicles are eligible for purchase only after they have met the FTA useful life criteria and only if the operators spare ratio is not exceeded.

Hybrid or other alternative <u>Vehicle</u> \_\_\_ purchases for MPO Traffic Counting or MPO Planning purposes not to exceed 3 CMAQ funded vehicles per urban county. The vehicle purchases may be for replacement or expansion.

All other Hybrid - purchases will be subject to federal participation that does not exceed the difference between the cost of a conventional vehicle and a hybrid, as noted below. These vehicles may only be for the replacement of current vehicles and must comply with all items listed under the Participation Level Test section of this document.

E85 or other bi-fueled Vehicles - have more than one fuel type. This makes the type of fuel used discretionary. The decision to select the "clean fuel" is based on user commitment to and difficult to monitor accurately. Therefore these vehicles will not be eligible for federal aid funding purchases under this protocol. The fuel for these types of vehicles is however, an eligible activity and is considered under separate application CMAQ-Funded Alternative Fuels.

#### Participation Level Test

Hybrid vehicle eligibility and funding participation level is determined by the following:

1. Vehicles must be replacement unless are for MPO Planning activities or for use as public transit vehicles.

## 1. Supplemental Forms

- I. **Hybrid Vehicles** Information required will depend on the type of vehicle.
  - Eligible vehicles include: Hybrid Electrics, Clean Diesels and other Alternative Fueled Vehicles
- 2. Diesel Retrofits and Repowers restrictions depend on project type.
- 3. Fueling Stations
- 4. Alternative Fuels only if part of a larger transit project

### 2. Project Selection Process

### Michiana Area Council of Governments CMAQ Process

#### Introduction

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program identifies transportation projects that will improve our air quality and reduce transportation-related emissions. Because federal law requires the timely implementation of transportation control measures in air quality plans, the highest priority for funding under the CMAQ Program is implementation of such measures. Major emphasis is upon projects that support alternative modes of transportation, provide congestion relief measures, provide non-polluting transit vehicles and equipment, and provide new technologies/improvements geared toward providing a more efficient and safer transportation system.

The MACOG will issue a Call for Projects for CMAQ projects based on the INDOT Eligibility Committee Schedule.

The MACOG Congestion Mitigation Area Quality funding is available in St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties in Indiana. St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties are considered to be one Transportation Management Area and one air quality maintenance area. As such CMAQ funding for both counties will be used to fund projects arising from the CMAQ cost effectiveness program. CMAQ funding can be used for any eligible CMAQ project meeting the eligibility test and that is approved by the MACOG Policy Board. Each project after meeting eligibility test must be fiscally constrained in order to move forward. Each project after meeting eligibility constrained must certify that the project costs in the year of construction. Projects meeting these criteria will be forwarded to the Policy board for review and inclusion in the MACOG TIP and subsequently the STIP. No projects that have not been authorized through the MPO procurement process or through INDOT. An eligibility determination is NOT authorization to proceed.

#### STEP 1 Issuing A CMAQ Project Call:

Bi-annually the MACOG will call for CMAQ projects. The project call dates will be set to comply with the CMAQ Committee review dates. Project Calls will be issued through the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the MACOG Policy Board, which includes representatives from the local jurisdictions, airports, transit operators, health departments, and elected officials. Additionally, all project calls will be posted on the MACOG website. MACOG will set a project request submission date. Projects received after a Project Call deadline will not be considered for implementation or analysis.

#### STEP 2 Phase 1 CMAQ Project Eligibility Process:

MACOG staff will begin a phase one review of the CMAQ project proposals received by the posted CMAQ project submission date. If specifics and clarifications are required inquiries will be made prior to the start of the project analysis process. Once all of the data is received staff will review the projects to determine if the projects are anticipated to eligible during the phase 1 eligibility screening using the "The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); Interim Program Guidance, October 31,2006, as guidance. Projects determined by staff not to meet the guidance requirements will be returned to the sponsor with recommendations for meeting the guidance.

#### STEP 3 CMAQ Project Analysis Process:

Projects meeting the Phase 1 eligibility screening will proceed to the analysis process. This process requires formal development of a CMAQ narrative application and various analysis methodologies successfully used by the MACOG in previously approved projects, methodologies recommended by Jeff Houk, Air Quality Specialist, at the Federal Highway Administration Resource Center and is consistent with Joonho Byun, PhD, Air Quality Modeling Specialist; FHWA Resource Center, Baltimore. Further, these analysis procedures have been coordinated over time with the Federal Highway Administration and the INDOT CMAQ Eligibility Committee (consisting of representatives from INDOT Transit, CMAQ, Highways, IDEM, and FHWA. Analysis may be quantitative or qualitative. A complete report of the analysis is prepared if the projects produces a reduction in VOC's and NOx. CO although not an area critical pollutant, will also be included in the analysis.

#### STEP 4 CMAQ Project Evaluation Process:

After completing an analysis of the phase one projects successfully screened the MACOG staff will develop a Comparison of Congestion Mitigation Project Submissions report. The report will compare the Total Project Cost, the annual kg saved by the project and generate a cost per kg. The lower the Cost per kg the more cost efficient the activity is.

#### STEP 5 CMAQ INDOT Eligibility Review:

The MACOG submits an eligibility request to the INDOT CMAQ Eligibility Committee in accordance with their guidelines and schedule.

### STEP 6 CMAQ Eligibility

Projects forwarded to FHWA by the INDOT CMAQ Eligibility Committee and determined to be eligible by FHWA for CMAQ funding will be included in a listing of CMAQ eligible projects for the MACOG Metropolitan Planning Area. This listing provides details of the eligible projects which include the proposed cost, proposed year of the project, values representative of the estimated kg/day saved for both VOC and NOx, service life of the project, and cost per kg/day saved. Not all projects meeting this eligibility may be funded.

# 3. List of CMAQ projects in TIP

### **Current CMAQ Projects**

### MACOG SFY 2012 - 2015 TIP

DES Number	Sponsor	Project Description Project Category		Total Project Cost
1173655	Elkhart Co.	CR 38 @ CR 19	Intersection Improvement	\$ 1,460,000.00
1172535	Goshen	College Ave @ 15th Street	Roundabout	\$ 2,250,000.00
0901527	Mishawaka	Church/Union Street Corridor	Signal Interconnect	\$ 1,567,538.00
0600452	St. Joseph Co.	Gumwood Road from MCL to Brick - Bike/Trail	Bike/Pedestrian	\$ 768,000.00
0600453	St. Joseph Co.	Gumwood Rd ATL from Brick Rd to State Line - Bike/Trail	Bike/Pedestrian	\$ 1,000,000.00
1005762	St. Joseph Co.	Cleveland Rd at Ash Rd - Roundabout	Intersection Improve	\$ 2,504,000.00
0901526	South Bend	Northside Bikeway Trail/Bike & Pedestrian Facility	Bike/Pedestrian	\$ 1,190,400.00
1173248	South Bend	Northeast Neighborhood Trail	Bike/Pedestrian	\$ 700,000.00
N/A	MACOG	Clean Air Activities	Other Type Project	\$ 100,000.00
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